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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 3386
JOINT EMBASSY/JUSPAO/MACV MESSAGE

SUBJECT: VIET CONG TERRORISM AGAINST THE ELECTIONS

REF: A. SAIGON 2968
B. STATE 27598

1- THE PRESS HAS REPORTED AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SAIGON
POLICE ON AUGUST 16 THAT A VIET CONG TERRORIST THEY ARRESTED
HAS TOLD THEM OF 7 TARGETS IN SAIGON SELECTED TO BE HIT BY
RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE BEFORE THE ELECTIONS, MUCH AS THE
NOVEMBER 1, 1966 PARADE WAS SHELLED.

2- IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, THERE HAS BEEN AN APPRECIABLE
INCREASE IN TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN THE SAIGON AREA: E. G.
A) AN ATTACK ON A POLICE CHECK POINT IN NORTHWEST SAIGON
AUGUST 13; B) THE MINING OF A TRAIN NORTHEAST OF SAIGON
AUGUST 14; C) THE SETTING OFF OF A MINE NEAR A U. S. REG

PAGE 2 RUMJIR 3386 C O N F I D E N T I A L
IN THE GIA DINH PORTION OF THE SAIGON METROPOLITAN AREA
AUGUST 14; D) THE ASSASSINATION OF THE SECURITY CHIEFS OF

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TWO HAMLETS OF BINH CHANH DISTRICT OF GIA DINH PROVINCE, SOUTHWEST OF SAIGON, ON AUGUST 9 AND 15, AND E) THE THROWING OF A GRENADE BY A CHILD INTO THE REAR OF AN ARMY TRUCK IN CHOLON ON AUG 16, WOUNDING 10 U. S. EMPLOYEES OF PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS. ALTHOUGH THE LEVEL OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA FLUCTUATES, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE VIET CONG ARE ALREADY STEPPING UP THEIR GENERAL TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAPITAL.

3. AGENCIES OF THE MISSION ARE COLLATING EXCERPTS FROM AGENT REPORTS AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS THAT SET FORTH THE VIET CONG SABOTAGE AND DISRUPTIONS PLANS AGAINST THE ELECTION, WITH THE INTENTION OF BRIEFING THE PRESS AND RELEASING THE EXCERPTS WITHIN A FEW DAYS, AS SUGGESTED IN REF B.

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